

Defence Current Affairs

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DAC Gives Nod To Nine Proposals Worth Rs 45,000 cr

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh-led Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has given its nod to proposals worth Rs 45,000 crore for the procurement of various weapons systems and platforms including **Dhruvastra short range air-to-surface missile and 12 Su-30 MKI fighter jets**, the Defence Ministry said.
- A total of nine procurement proposals were approved by the DAC and all procurements will be made from indigenous vendors only under Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured category which will give substantial boost to the Indian defence Industry towards achieving the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the release said.
- The DAC also approved the procurement of next generation survey vessels for the Indian Navy, which will greatly enhance its capabilities in performing hydrographic operations.



BEL Receives Orders Worth Rs 3,000 Crore From Cochin Shipyard Ltd

- Bharat Electronics Limited announced that it has received an order of Rs **2,118.57 crore** from Cochin Shipyard Limited for supply of various equipment for Indian Navy.
- The order consists of Sensors, Weapon equipment, Fire Control systems and Communication equipment for **six numbers of Next Generation Missile Vessels (NGMV)**, class of anti-surface warfare corvettes.
- The Bengaluru-headquartered defence major recently also received additional orders worth **Rs 886 crore** and the said orders pertained to upgrade of AFNET SATCOM N/W, upgrade of **Akash Missiles with RF Seeker**, Inertial Navigation System and other equipments with accessories and spares etc.
- With this BEL has in all received orders worth Rs 14,384 Crore till now in the financial year 2023-24.



DDP Institutionalizes Swachhta In Its Offices Across The Country

- Institutionalizing Swachhta in its offices across the country, the Department of Defence Production (DDP) has continued the cleanliness drive even after the conclusion of the Special Campaign 2.0 in October 2022.
- The activities performed in the Campaign were continued in the secretariat and attached/ subordinate offices of the DDP from November 2022 to August 2023.

- During the period, the Department had organised cleanliness drives in 624 sites across the country and disposed of 1734 pending public grievances, 451 public grievance Appeals. 4581 physical files were reviewed and 3996 physical files were closed as these had completed retention period.
- A sum of Rs. 46,43,637 had been realised in revenue so far from the sale of scrap and 5517 square feet space had been released.



Egypt: INS Sumedha participates with several navies in Exercise Bright Star-23

- The Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sumedha participated in Exercise Bright Star-23 with multiple other navies which began on September 3, till September 15.
- INS Sumedha exercised with navies of Egypt, Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Qatar.
- It further noted that the exercise allowed the exchange of best practices and collaborative training and infrastructure rounds to ensure maritime security.
- The INS Sumedha arrived at Port Alexandria, Egypt on September 6 to participate in 'Exercise Bright Star- 23'. This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from 34 countries.



Chinese defence minister Li Shangfu under investigation for corrupt procurement

- Defence Minister Li Shangfu, who has been missing from public view for more than two weeks, has been placed under investigation by Chinese authorities, according to 10 people familiar with the matter.
- The investigation into Li relates to procurement of military equipment, according to a regional security official and three people in direct contact with the Chinese military. Reuters was unable to obtain details on which equipment purchases were under scrutiny.
- Eight senior officials from the Chinese military's procurement unit, which Li led from 2017 to 2022, are also under investigation, according to two of the people in direct contact with the military.
- The probe into Li, who was appointed as defence minister in March, and the eight officials is being carried out by the military's powerful disciplinary inspection commission, those two people said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. ADMM Plus Stands For

- A. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeting
- B. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Mega Meeting
- C. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeta
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. MRO Stands For

- A. Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
- B. Maintenance, Repair and Overtake
- C. Maintenance, Repair and Over
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Ex 'SIAM BHARAT' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Thailand
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. India's ranking in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2022 has dropped.**

2. “AI talent concentration” is one of the indicators assessed under the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2022.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

5. COP Stands For

- A. Creator of Parties
- B. Conference of Parties
- C. Conference of Programme
- D. None

ANSWER: B

6. Indian Economy Is Worth Of

- A. \$3.7 Trillion Dollar
- B. \$3 Trillion Dollar
- C. \$10 Trillion Dollar
- D. \$25 Trillion Dollar

ANSWER: A

7. 64th Raising Day of BRO Observed On

- A. 6 May
- B. 7 May
- C. 8 May
- D. 9 May

ANSWER: B

8. Akash Prime Is A

- A.** Rocket
- B.** Air Defence Missile System
- C.** Sniper Rifle
- D.** Tank

ANSWER: B

9. NAVIC Stands For

- A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System
- B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System
- C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source
- D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

ANSWER: D

10. Major Rank Of the Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

11. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

12. Captain Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Flight Lt.
- D. Air Chief Marshal

ANSWER: C

13. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

14. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman

- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Poland

ANSWER: D

15. "Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Is Written By

- A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
- C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
- D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

16. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

17. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

18. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: A

19. Which State Of India Has The Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

